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Hello PIC Families,

Typically during the summer months at PIC we are working on moving children to the next age group. This year, like just about all COVID-19 related things at PIC, the process was stalled and very few children have moved from one classroom to another.

As we look ahead to the next few weeks and months, children will be assigned to the next age group. Our plan throughout the fall is to continue to strictly adhere to our new COVID-19 policies and keep our classroom groups as “pods” with little to no interaction between the classrooms. The exception to this is that each classroom has a “buddy” classroom with whom they share outside spaces. These classrooms may also share a substitute teacher who will only go between those two classrooms on any given day.

While this plan is critical in mitigating the spread of germs, it does not allow for children to visit classrooms before they move to the next classroom. Thus, we need to plan move-ups differently this year.

I recognize the added anxiety this may cause a parent whose child is moving to the next age group. In this year of upheaval, we hope to minimize it as best we can.

Our Enrollment Coordinator Grace Piana will communicate with each family whose child will be moving up. You will be given your move up date, which will be the first day your child will be in their new classroom.

Grace is working hard to assure that each child moves to a classroom where there are familiar faces, either friends who have already moved from their current classroom, or who will move with them to the same room at the same time.

The teachers in the new classroom will reach out to you with information about the new room and what to expect. We fully understand that you have not had the opportunity to visit your child’s new room and you may not have this opportunity for the foreseeable

future. Short videos of each classroom are being prepared so that you can get a “feel” for the learning environment.

I am so amazed and impressed at how well the children have adapted to returning to PIC after such a long time away. Seeing friends and returning to remembered routines helped greatly with this. We also know that the love and kindness of our teachers will help children manage their big feelings as they adapt to this change. They will be proud to be “big kids”, no matter what the next age group will be.

As September enrollment numbers climb, we plan to welcome back more teachers and adjust some teaching teams. Please feel free to ask your program coordinator any questions you have and tell us how we can help ease the process.

- **Infant / Toddler:** Kharma Hicks at khicks@parentinfantcenter.org.
- **Preschool:** Jacob Kerner at jkerner@parentinfantcenter.org.

We will try to find ways to make this experience as comfortable as possible.

Here is one last item to note. There will be upcoming changes in September protocols, including where families will drop off in the morning. As we solidify these changes, we will announce them. Please keep an eye out for additional information.

Thank you for believing in PIC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Green
Executive Director